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Housing changes in Kinston as reflected in the following table indicate a minimum of change from 1960 to 1970 as compared with changes between 1950 and 1960. The 1970 population for Kinston reflected a decrease of 2510 persons, and the 1970 Census of Housing reflected an increase of 132 housing units for Kinston but this increase is small compared with the increase in housing units between 1950 and 1960. Several factors must be taken into consideration when evaluating the 132 housing unit increase. The first factor is that there were 453 new housing units constructed between 1960 and 1970 as reflected in the City Building Inspector's reports. Secondly, the number of units demolished is not reflected. For an example, there were 229 units condemned between 1960 and 1970 for the total Kinston planning area. Also, movement of mobile homes and homes destroyed by fire must be considered. Actually the +132 increase in housing units is a net figure and should be complemented by indicating new housing unit construction and housing unit demolition figures.

The average unit size for housing units in Kinston is 5.001 rooms, however, the enumeration district breakdown reflects below average unit size for a large percentage of housing units in the eastern and southeastern section of Kinston. To be more specific, these sections would be Enumeration Districts 23, 24 and 26 through 33. Black occupancy is high in these areas, especially in Enumeration Districts 26 through 33. These Enumeration Districts are located in the east and southeast sections of Kinston as noted on Map D.